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FOR AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE FROM HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.)

SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

- 1. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE REGRETFULLY MUST POSTPONE HIS VISIT TO THE PACIFIC.
- 2. REQUEST YOU PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO KRIANGSAK FROM VICE PRESIDENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU MAY DRAW ON SAME POINTS IN NOTIFYING OTHER RTG OFFICIALS. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT I MUST POSTPONE MY VISIT TO THAILAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC. THE U.S. SENATE HAS TAKEN THE DECISION THAT THE VOTE ON THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY WILL BE HELD DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN APRIL 5 AND CONFIDENTIAL

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APRIL 26. A PRECISE DATE FOR THIS VOTE WILL NOT BE SET BY THE SENATE UNTIL AT LEAST APRIL 5. IN VIEW OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, I MUST ACCORDINGLY REMAIN IN WASHINGTON UNTIL THE VOTE ON THE TREATY HAS TAKEN PLACE.

I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT THESE OFFICIAL DUTIES REQUIRE ME

TO REQUEST A POSTPONEMENT OF MY VISIT TO THAILAND. I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO MAKING THE VISIT SHORTLY

AFTER THE VOTE ON THE TREATY AND I WILL WISH TO PROPOSE TO YOU NEW DATES FOR AN EARLY VISIT AS SOON AS I POSSIBLY CAN. SINCERELY, WALTER F. MONDALE END TEXT.

- 3. YOU MAY ORALLY ADVISE KRIANGSAK AND OTHER RTG LEADERS, AS APPROPRIATE, THAT WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PROPOSE NEW DATES ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5.
- 4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTPONEMENT WILL BE MADE IN WASHINGTON ON MORNING OF MARCH 25. WE WILL ADVISE THAI EMBASSY OF POSTPONEMENT JUST PRIOR TO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. VANCE

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